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SOCCER CUP

APPRECIATIVE LETTERS COME FROM HOMELAND

"FROM OVER THE SEAS"

The following correspondence relative to "Sunday Herald" Charity Soccer Cup donations out of the proceeds of last season's international matches has been forwarded by Mr. W. E. Hollands, secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association. Viscount Knutsford, chairman of the London Hospital, and officials of St. Dunstan's and the Douglas Haig Memorial Homes all write appreciatively of the local effort.

Viscount Knutsford writes from the London Hospital, Whitechapel, under date September 3, 1928:

Dear Sir,—The Treasurer has just told me of the very helpful gift that has come to the Hospital from the Hong Kong Football Association, and I should like to give myself the pleasure of thanking all concerned in it very warmly indeed.

I value this kindness doubly because it comes from over the seas, and because it is a splendid "lift on the way" to my special appeal for "The London." Some how or another I must raise £250,000 for it this year—a terrible responsibility in these desperately difficult days. Still, you have cheered me immensely, and for that I am deeply grateful.

Do please pass on some measure of my gratitude to the Hong Kong "Sunday Herald" newspaper for all they did to make this help possible.

War-Blinded Men

The Treasurer of St. Dunstan's writes as under. Incidentally the letter was typed by a blinded soldier from his own Braille shorthand notes:

Dear Sir,—My warmest thanks to you for your letter enclosing £102 6s. 1d. for the benefit of St. Dunstan's war-blinded men, from the Hong Kong Football Association, this being a portion of the proceeds from the gift of a Cup by the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald" newspaper, which is competed for annually and the result devoted to charities.

I very greatly appreciate the kindness of all concerned in deciding to allocate so generous a portion to St. Dunstan's. Sympathy has been shown for war-blinded men in a truly practical way.

I shall have much pleasure in sending a copy of our Annual Report to you at the end of September.

I am enclosing herewith the Braille shorthand notes from which this letter is typed, as I think it may interest you to possess them.

In Haig's Memory

The Honorary Appeal Secretary of the Douglas Haig Memorial Homes, Capt. W. G. Willcox, M.B.E., writes:

Dear Sir,—I write to acknowledge the receipt of your cheque value £66 10s. 6d. being a donation from the Hong Kong Football Association towards the Douglas Haig Memorial Homes.

In forwarding formal receipt M8918, I am desired by the Trustees to convey their warmest thanks to all who contributed or voted for this most generous gift to the Fund, and to say that they highly appreciate this practical tribute to the memory of the late Field Marshal Earl Haig.

With renewed thanks for your very kind interest and support.

THE "DOUBLE 10"

Shanghai Yesterday. Great preparations are being made here to celebrate the "Double-Ten" anniversary, these including decorating the streets with flags, organising receptions and lantern processions.

The Chinese factories and mills have been notified to give their employees a half holiday on Tuesday and a whole day on Wednesday. Reuter.

Shanghai Yesterday.

General Yen Hsi-shan is holding a reception in honour of the foreign diplomats at Peking at the Walchiapoo building on Oct. 10. A few days later, it is anticipated, General Yen Hsi-shan will leave for Nanking. Reuter.

AN EARLY ARMED ROBBERY

4 MEN CONCERNED

WHISTLE BLOWN FRIGHTENS THE MISCREANTS

DAGGERS AND GAGS

An armed robbery took place at No. 3, Kwong Hon-terrace, third floor, at 8.45 this morning.

The master of the floor is Chan Chung (40), proprietor of a goldsmith's shop in Queen's-road Central.

Four men were concerned, one being armed with a revolver and the other three with daggers. They gained admission to the flat by pretending that they had a message for the principal tenant.

As soon as they entered the flat, the robbers collected the inmates and herded them into a cubicle, where they proceeded to gag them and bind their hands and feet with wire.

Whilst the robbers were thus engaged, one of the inmates blew a police whistle. This frightened the robbers, and they bolted.

Before leaving, the man with the revolver struck Chan Chung on the head with it, causing an ugly wound over his right eye. The other robbers hurriedly relieved the female inmates of the flat of the jewellery they were wearing. The booty is stated to be worth about \$100.

The robbers escaped in an unknown direction. In their flight they left behind three daggers and some gags.

The police are following up certain clues, and are confident that they are on the robbers' trail.

MOTORISTS FINED

SEVERAL CASES BEFORE COURT TO-DAY

"DOING 35"

Mr. G. H. Raikes, owner of private motor car No. 1760, was this morning summoned by Traffic Sergeant George, before Major C. Willcox, O.B.E., at the Central Magistrate, for dangerous driving in Queen's-road East at 8 p.m., on September 26.

Replying to the charge, Mr. Raikes said: "The Sergeant said I was doing 35. I had just passed another car, to do which I naturally had to accelerate. I think I must have been near the figure when overtaking the other car."

A fine of \$15 was imposed.

Mr. B. Proulx was summoned for having no rear light on his motor car when returning from the races on Saturday, and for failing to produce his driver's licence.

Defendant said that he was not aware that his rear light was not burning. With regard to his licence, he said that he had left it at the Jockey Club.

Major Willcox imposed fines of \$4 on each charge.

The Chinese driver of public motor car No. 1602 was summoned by Traffic Sergeant Roberts for dangerous driving in Garden-road, near the tram station.

The Sergeant said that a car he was riding in was in front of the defendant's going up Garden-road. Defendant accelerated to pass the witness' car. Just then another car appeared in the opposite direction. Defendant just managed to scrape through between the two cars.

Fined \$15.

Traffic Sergeant George summoned the Chinese driver of public motor car No. 252 for driving at 25 miles per hour in the control area at Whitfield, and for not showing a rear light on his car.

Defendant, who admitted both charges, was fined \$15 for speeding, and \$5 for the other offence.

NOTES CHANGED

CHINESE-ITALIAN NANKING SETTLEMENT

NEW TREATY MAY FOLLOW

Shanghai To-day.

Dr. T. C. Wang (the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs) and Signor Galanti (the Italian Consul-General) exchanged Notes this morning settling the Nanking Incident of March 1927, as between China and Italy. The terms of the settlement are to be published on Oct. 11.

It is understood that the Italian Minister is leaving Peking for Nanking on Oct. 13. It is anticipated, General Yen Hsi-shan will leave for Nanking. Reuter.

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MOTOR EXHIBITION AT OLYMPIA

THIS YEAR'S SHOW

COMPETITION PROMISES TO BE KEEN

NEW DEVICES

London, Yesterday. The motor exhibition opens at Olympia on Thursday. All nations will be represented by cars and the competition promises to be keen. The feature of the show promises to be a light 6-cylinder car, which passed its novice stage a year or two ago and in which wonderful results have been standardised.

The values, it is stated, will be unprecedented and there will be a car to suit every pocket. The increasing army of owner drivers and owner mechanics will find a remarkable advance in things which minister to their comfort. Whether they prefer the all-metal saloon body or fabric of the sort, both types have been made still more competitive and attractive.

An interesting part of the show will be the various kinds of safety glass which will, in time, it is expected, be an indispensable accessory of a car. British Wireless Service.

NEW CHAIRMAN

CHIANG KAI-SHEK HEAD OF COUNCIL

CHAIRMEN OF FIVE BOARDS

Nanking, Yesterday. The Central Executive Committee of the Nationalist Party has appointed Marshal Chiang Kai-shek chairman of the Council of the new National Government of China. The following appointments have also been announced:

Mr. Hu Han-min: chairman of the Legislative "yuan."

General Tan Yen-kai: chairman of the Administrative "yuan."

Mr. Tsai Yuan-pel: chairman of the Censors' "yuan."

Dr. Wang Chung-hui: chairman of the Judicial "yuan."

Mr. Tai Chi-tao: chairman of the Examination "yuan."

The Central Executive Committee also passed the draft regulations governing the Legislative, Administrative and Judicial Boards.

Members of the Council.

Nanking, To-day. The members of the Government Council are Marshal Chiang Kai-shek (chairman), Mr. Hu Han-min, General Tan Yen-kai, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Mr. Tai Chi-tao, General Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General"), Mr. Sun Fo, Mr. Chen Ko-fu, General Yen Hsi-shan, General Li Tsung-jen (of Hankow), Marshal Li Chai-sum (of Canton), Mr. Lin Sen, Admiral Yang Shu-chwang, and Mr. Chang Chih.

All except the last-named have accepted their appointments. Reuter.

GOLD EMBARGO

JAPAN BANKERS URGING ITS REMOVAL

GOVERNMENT MAY ACCEDE

TOKYO, Yesterday.

The clearing house of the Economic Investigation Committee has unanimously passed a resolution favouring immediate removal of the embargo on the export of gold which has been enforced since 1917. Since the Economic Investigation Committee represents the most powerful banking interests, it is believed that the resolution will have a strong influence on the Government, towards early removal of the embargo.

The Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and similar organisations in Osaka have also recorded similar opinions, favouring removal of the embargo. Reuter.

RUBBER

SINGAPORE'S RESTRICTION REPEAL BILL

SINGAPORE, Yesterday.

It is learned that the British Legation does not intend to protest regarding Mr. Johnston at present, but will await action by the Chinese Court. His release was subject to the condition that a foreigner should guarantee his re-appearance if he was called on.

The Chinese employees of the Legation, who were also placed under arrest when the raid was carried out, have now been released from the Wanian Public Safety Bureau and are in custody. Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 5/10.

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TREASURY CERTIFICATES

London, Yesterday. Washington, Yesterday. Mr. Andrew Mellon, the Treasury Secretary announces the forthcoming issue of \$4,000,000,000 4% per cent. Treasury Certificates to provide for matured Liberty Bonds and interest on public debt.

The explosion, it is rumoured, was caused by a bomb which was being conveyed to Bombay in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Simon Commission. Reuter.

AN EXPLOSION

THREE PERSONS KILLED AND EIGHT INJURED

A MYSTERY

Bombay, Yesterday. Three passengers were killed and 8 injured in a mysterious explosion on a train travelling from Allahabad to Bombay.

The explosion, it is rumoured, was caused by a bomb which was being conveyed to Bombay in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Simon Commission. Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S FORCE

DEFENCE MINISTER REFERS TO THEIR REPLACEMENT

THE "OBSOLETE"

Wellington, Yesterday. Reuter's Auckland correspondent states with regard to Air Marshal Sir J. Salmon's report that Major-General Sir T. W. Glasgow, Defence Minister in the Australian Federal Government, said that the Australian Government had already au-

thorised the replacement of the obsolete machines and aimed at making the Australian Air Force efficient in every respect. Reuter.

(Sir John Salmon in his report on Australia's Air Force commented unfavourably on the equipment of the Australian Air Force, stating that while the Force had been established on a firm basis and developed along sound lines, the Force was seriously limited owing to the obsolete type of service machines used, and the entire absence of reserve equipment.)

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Washington, Yesterday. The Tongshan mining area is quiet.

There have been few movements of Nationalist troops to-day.

An empty Kailan Mining Administration train arrived at Kuyeh this afternoon from Chinwangtai but loaded coal trains from the mines are not yet allowed to run to Chinwangtai.

Later. Later. In the day, a train with 400 Nationalist troops and stores, passed Kuyeh going west (home-bound).

Another armoured train which had been in the Northern Army's hands at Lanhshien has arrived at Tongshan to-day, making a total of four in the Nationalists' hands. British Naval Wireless.

MILITARY DISCUSSIONS

Peking, Yesterday. General Pei Chung-hsi (Nationalist Army) and General Yang Yu-ting (chief of staff in Manchuria) held a conversation for two hours at Luanchow yesterday, after which the latter interviewed Chinese pressmen to whom he declared that they had discussed military but not political matters.

Yang Yu-ting is going to Jehol shortly, apparently to attempt to clear up the situation there.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

M. MANUK,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th Sept., 1928.

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ODDS OF 2 TO 1 AGAINST WERE PAID IN THE FIRST TWO EVENTS, BOTH OF WHICH WERE ANNEXED BY FAVOURITES. BUT THAT AUSPICIOUS START WAS NOT LONG-LIVED. THREE MORE FAVOURITES—all odds on—WON IN ALTERNATE RACES BUT THESE WERE MORE THAN BALANCED BY THE THREE SURPRISES OF THE DAY.

CONDITIONS WERE ALL THAT COULD BE DESIRED, A NICE GOING, A FINE COOL DAY AND EVEN FARMS THE RULE RATHER THAN THE EXCEPTION.

MR. L. DUNBAR, HAVING WON THIS YEAR'S CHAMPIONS (MRS. DUNBAR WINNING THE DERBY), CARRIED OFF THE ST. LEGER WITH COOS BAY. THIS PROVIDED MR. G. U. DA ROZA WITH HIS ONLY VICTORY YESTERDAY, BRINGING HIS BAG FOR THE MEETING UP TO FIVE.

TWO "DOUBLES"

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MR. BACKHOUSE WAS PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BIGGEST TOTE PRIZE OF THE DAY, \$83, ON TARZAN. HE WON THE NOVICES' RACE ON SATURDAY AND TARZAN YESTERDAY PROVIDED HIM WITH HIS "FIRST" IN AN "OPEN" OFFICIAL FLAT RACE IN HONG KONG.

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" 55 124.60

Unplaced runners Nos.: 188, 337, 19, 267, 87, 144, 288.

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" 409 216.60

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No. 485 \$1,463.20
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1.—Paddock Plate: half mile.—For ponies that have started in Hong Kong this year prior to this meeting, to be ridden by jockeys who have not won five flat races in Hong Kong, Macao or China. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners this year of races of 5 furlongs or under, other than races confined to subscription griffins of this club, barred. Jockeys 2.15 extra for each race won. Entrance \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$200. 3rd prize: \$100.

Also ran: U. Un II. (Mr. Pronix). Time: 4 mins. 0/1 sec. Five lengths; six lengths. Parimutuel: Winner, \$7.30; Places: \$5.60. \$8.40. \$7.70. Winner Places: District Call 58 23 Sunning 148 203 Spinner 73 151 Coos Bay 1058 624 Chemal 110 201 Tarmacadam 222 195 U. Un II 68 110

5.—Caine Handicap: 1½ miles.—For China ponies that have won at least two races since Jan. 1, 1928. Entrance \$5. 1st prize: \$450. 2nd prize: \$200. 3rd prize: \$100.

Messrs. K. C. Lau and H. C. Lee's Duke of Verona (Mr. Lee) 1 Mr. Hostie's The Haugh (Mr. Botelho) 2 Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades (Mr. Shillington) 3 Also ran: Shingle (Mr. McCartney), Boukra (Mr. Gordon), Caesar (Mr. Backhouse), and Grey Eyes (Mr. S. T. Wong). Time: 1 min. 0/1 sec. Three lengths; half a length. Parimutuel: Winner, \$15.20; Places: \$7.50, \$17.50, \$7.50. Winner Places: Duke of Verona 215 256 Caesar 184 174 The Haugh 42 53 Shingle 20 31 Grey Eyes 32 59 Boukra 169 250 Ace of Spades 123 230

2.—Bonham Handicap: "C" class: one mile.—For China ponies. Entrance \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Messrs. Chan and Rafeek's Nara Stag (Mr. Harriman) 1 H.E. the Governor of Macao's Veloz (Mr. da Roza) 2 Mrs. R. J. Patterson's Skipper (Mr. Charles) 3 Also ran: Grey Knight (Mr. E. Clark), Black Pearl (Mr. Wong), Movana (Mr. Clark), Little Darling (Mr. Backhouse), Ploughman (Mr. Proulx), Siang River (Mr. Stanton), Ullswater (Mr. S. T. Wong). Time: 2 mins. 13.2/5 secs. Half length; two lengths. Parimutuel: Winner, \$14; Places: \$8.40, \$18.60, \$20.20. Winner Places: Black Pearl 71 185 Veloz 86 174 Ploughman 57 123 Nara Stag 348 427 Ullswater 18 28 Little Darling 14 32 Skipper 85 97 Movana 152 257 Grey Knight 47 96 Siang River 160 395

3.—Bonham Handicap: "B" class: one mile.—For China ponies. Entrance \$5. 1st prize: \$400. 2nd prize: \$150. 3rd prize: \$100.

Messrs. Chan and Rafeek's Nara Stag (Mr. Harriman) 1 Major B. C. Lake's As You Like It (Mr. Harriman) 2 Mr. S. W. Cheng's Westlake (Mr. Charles) 3 Also ran: Grey Knight (Mr. E. Clark), Black Pearl (Mr. Wong), Movana (Mr. Clark), Little Darling (Mr. Backhouse), Ploughman (Mr. Proulx), Siang River (Mr. Stanton), Ullswater (Mr. S. T. Wong). Time: 2 mins. 13.2/5 secs. Two and a half lengths; five lengths. Parimutuel: Winner, \$26.60; Places: \$7.00, \$15.60, \$6.00. Winner Places: The Zebra 154 186 The Haugh 62 124 As You Like It 888 588 Westlake 724 376 Duke of Nieblung 49 91 Aristophanes 207 198

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KAKADO MARU Wednesday, 17th October.

KEELUNG—via SWATOW & AMOY.

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TAKAO—via SWATOW & AMOY.

DELLI MARU Thursday, 19th October Noon.

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TYPHOONS.

AN UNUSUAL EXAMPLE OF
MARINE METEOROLOGY

Rather an unusual example of the utility of Marine Meteorology is given in the August issue of the "Marine Observer" in connection with very illuminating article upon typhoons in the China Sea. Though generally associated with forecasting of approaching bad weather, the science may be equally valuable in predicting calm periods, an aspect which may not receive the publicity it merits; therefore, it is pleasing to observe that this phase also is being noted. According to the illustration given, a disabled liner required two days of calm, in order to proceed from Shanghai to Japan for repairs and, in response to a wireless call, master of vessels at sea supplied data from which, when collated, the meteorological expert ashore were able to select a period in which good weather would prevail, and the steamer made her departure accordingly. No doubt many similar instances could be quoted as applying to the voyages of small or damaged vessels, but it is well that this side of the subject should be brought into prominence as showing the continuous expansion and wonderful possibilities held by world-wide system of weather reports and the forecasts which they render possible. Turning to the main subject matter of the article, it is seen that during 1926, the year under notice, there were 23 typhoons of greater or lesser intensity in the China Sea; they reached their maximum in September when six were recorded though the season ranged in an ascending scale of frequency from June to September and at a declining rate to December, one isolated example being noted in February, though this was of no great wind velocity and caused no inconvenience to shipping. Sharp contrasts to this may be records of other storms occurring later in the year, and extracts from reports furnished may help to emphasise the urgent necessity of that hearty co-operation of all commanders of ships in Far Eastern waters which the British Meteorological Office invites. In August the U.S.S. "Asheville" was at anchor when the wind came with full hurricane force blowing right into the bay, causing the vessel to drag her four anchors. She was right in the path of the storm and the wind velocity was estimated at 140 miles an hour; when the centre passed over, the "Asheville" was only 100 yards from the shore, but the shift of wind from S.E. to S.W. and N.W. caused her to drag to seaward and she came through safely. Perhaps the most convincing argument in favour of meteorological work may be found in the contrasting experiences of two steamers in one typhoon during September. One passed through the storm centre and, on arrival in harbour, her captain reported: "Here ends one of the most boisterous and tempestuous passages I have ever experienced in the China Seas during 25 years. It was not so much the wind force at the sea, which made the vessel resemble somewhat a chip of wood in cauldron of boiling water." Yet, not very far away, another steamer, by construction of weather charts, and action based upon the data they provided, was able to maintain her course and speed with safety. From experiences noted above it will be seen that the science of weather forecasting has a very definite financial value, in addition to the universally admitted factor of safety; by its aid suitable conditions may be chosen for any specially hazardous passage, the approach of bad weather may be observed, and the most suitable action be taken to avoid not only damage, but delay.

THE MISSIONERS

MR. HAVELOCK WILSON EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS

The current issue of "The Seaman," Mr. J. Havelock Wilson's pugnacious publication, contains a very crisp and pointed article on some statements made by the British Sailors' Society. The official of this society gave an interview to a London daily, telling a somewhat pathetic story as to how innocent sailors are pounced upon and robbed by sharks and harpies as soon as they land in the port of London. The National Union of Seamen and other organizations look after the sailor very satisfactorily to-day; and, as a matter of fact, the modern seaman is generally quite capable of looking after himself. Crimbs, sharks and harpies find him less profitable to-day than formerly was the case. Like the landsman, he knows more than his grandfather did, and for the British Sailors' Society of Bombay, and a member of the Indian Legislative Assembly. Further, as a Nationalist of advanced views he is anything but kindly disposed towards the British connection, and, if we may judge by his writings and his actions, is especially hostile to British ship-owning undertakings which engage in the coasting trade of the Dependency. Some years ago he wrote a book wherein a series of absurd charges were made against the railway and shipping companies, who were accused of pursuing a deliberate policy of antagonism towards native trade. His avowed desire is to reserve the coastwise business of India to native-owned tonnage. In pamphlets and speeches he has advanced reasons why the British companies should be barred from the trade, and he has recently introduced into the Legislative Assembly a measure which, if it were passed, would achieve this object. The Bill is, however, so manifestly the outcome of unreasoning racial animosity that there can be no chance of it reaching the Statute Book in anything like its present form. Its provisions have been the object of scathing criticism by the Calcutta Port Commissioners, who contend that they would lead to a disastrous shortage of carrying space in the coastal trade and a consequent increase in freight rates. It is, they say in effect, one thing to afford encouragement to the development of a native mercantile marine—the ulterior motive of Mr. Hajj—and quite another to achieve that end by the crude method of expropriating other people's property. The Bengal Chamber of Commerce put the matter equally plainly when, in the course of a memorandum on the Bill, they state that it would cause incalculable hardship to the general trading interests of India, besides involving the confiscation of the property of those now engaged in the coasting trade, to whom the development of trade routes and the creation of efficient organizations for serving them is entirely due.

REGULAR TRAFFIC

There is a regular traffic in these stolen certificates. It may sound incredible, but I could take you now to certain houses where you would see men who have fallen into the hands of these people and are so much under the influence of drugs or drink that they do not even know where they are. If these unfortunate seamen have had any clothes worth stealing the probability is that a woman has got them and pawned them." The official added that there was less ruffianism to-day, but even now some bullying went on. Often if a seaman who had been paid off went to one of these dens and did not readily part with his money he was knocked out and robbed. "Not only do these pests lie in wait for seamen at the docks, they meet them when they arrive by boat trains at the London termini. Many cases of pocket-picking at the stations come to the society's notice every week, and a number of seamen are relieved of their wallets when boarding trains or buses in dockland. The society's members meet all incoming ships at the docks. Our job is to get hold of the man before the crimp or his agent. If he has a home in the country where his wife and children are waiting for him and his pay, it is our job to see that he gets there. Sometimes the land shark beats us, of course. We get many requests from wives to find husbands and we know exactly where to look for them. We relieve the family and try to rehabilitate the man." C. M. P.

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A similar operation was successfully performed recently upon the Barton Aqueduct, which carried the Bridgewater Canal over the Ship Canal a few miles below Mode Wheel.

WIRELESS

SHOULD IT BE ON ALL CHINA COAST SHIPS?

A prominent local engineer has forwarded the suggestion to the Government that all merchant ships be required to carry wireless equipment as a safety measure by means of which assistance could be summoned in time of need, says the "Canton Gazette." Since the Maritime Customs are in charge of the entry and clearance of ships, this organization could very well see that all ships are so equipped should this requirement be embodied in the form of a law. The experts state that it is universal practice for all foreign ships to carry a wireless installation and instances are innumerable where the facilities of wireless were the means of saving lives as well as cargo and ships. Wireless equipment has therefore become an article of necessity.

Regulations have been made in the past by the Chinese Government requiring all ships of over 500 tons to be equipped with wireless apparatus, but these regulations have been generally ignored by the shipowners who seemed to have doubted or failed to appreciate the value or usefulness of such equipment.

This case, however, is typical of many that occur out here in which these people under threat of legal proceedings intimidate Masters of ships and others to pay some miserable sum as compensation to some person for a more or less imaginary wrong. I am, therefore, taking legal action not only to defend my own reputation, but also with the object of helping to deter these people from making similar attempts at extortion on other Shipmasters.

Interesting Result

Having carefully considered all the facts of the case, full particulars of which were supplied by the member, the Committee authorized a cable to be despatched to the Guild Solicitors to the effect that proceedings were to be taken in the matter on behalf of the Guild. The Solicitors had lost no time in getting to work on the case and the result is very interesting, indicating that the man and his friends were somewhat taken aback at the way being carried into their own camp. The summons obtained by the Guild solicitors was issued for defamation, the Court reserving the right to include other charges, if satisfied, at a later stage. On the adjourned hearing it was found, however, that the man concerned—who said that he had been violently assaulted—had absconded. A warrant was ordered and the case now lies on the dormant file, according to the letter which the Guild has since received from their Solicitors, pending execution of the warrant against the accused. The Solicitors state that the case has had a very good effect morally, and it is understood that instructions have been issued by some of the principal companies to their catering departments, requesting that the man shall not be signed on any ship's articles at present. It is hoped that the action taken by the Guild in supporting their member on this occasion will have the desired effect in putting an end to efforts of this kind to extort compensation from shipmasters and others on trumped-up charges of assault upon members of native crews, when actually nothing of the kind has happened.

"The Dolphin."

In recent years many cases of piracy have occurred in which the pirates held undisputed sway over the ships which they looted in a thorough manner, kidnapping many passengers for ransom. In all cases the pirates did not get away, but had the ships been equipped with wireless, by means of which help could be called for, although assistance might not arrive in time to prevent the looting of the ship still it might arrive in sufficient time to recover people who might be kidnapped, or might even detect the capture of the pirates. Unless wireless is made compulsory for all trading ships, the water-borne traffic will always be subject to many dangers, of which piracy is the principal. Commerce is a very important industry unless proper precautions are instituted to minimize the danger to which it is at present exposed.

To this end the Admiralty installation of wireless is to be commended, as suggested by the author.

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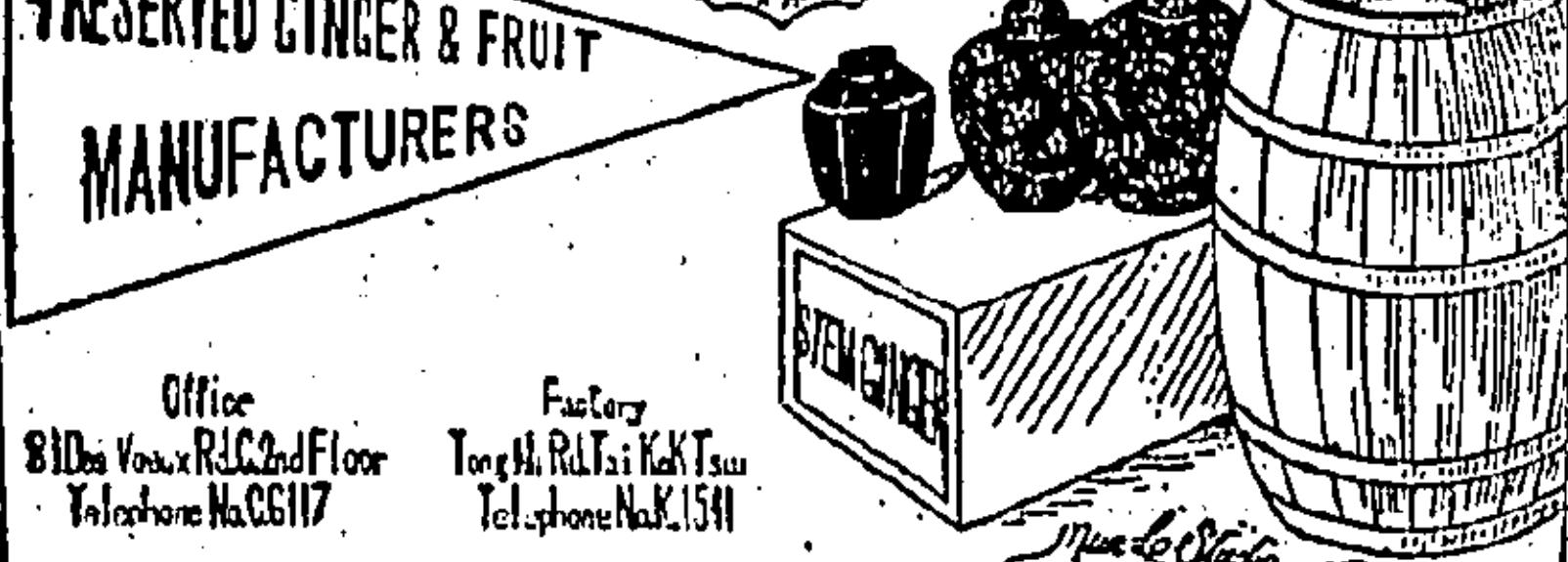
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BIRTH

HOSTE.—On October 8, 1928, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. D. Hoste, a daughter.

DEATHS

GARWOOD.—On October 4, 1928, at Foochow, H. Garwood, aged 37, Chinese Maritime Customs. THOMPSON.—Dora Thompson, daughter of the late John and Mrs. Thompson, Wingate, County Durham, Sister Municipal Nursing Service.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1928.

CHINA'S COALITION

Except for the fact that it seems to be representative of only one political faction and no other, there is not much fault to find with the constitution of the new Nationalist administration at Nanking, inaugurated in time for October 10 as the new National Government for the Republic of China. October 10 this year is more auspicious than the same date of previous years in China—more so even than the day on which the Republican type of government was formed—because this year it is both China's National Day and the anniversary of the birth of China's great sage, Confucius. Selection of the biggest day of the calendar, politically, is easy. It is not even shrewd. So it must be a fortunate coincidence for that same day to be also the day when all the conservative elements in China pay homage to what for several decades has been accepted as best in the land. Is it too much, then, to hope that much of the new which is coming, for the better, in China will be tempered by a little of the accepted good and old? Analysis of the characters of the

remedy such a regrettable state of affairs. Evidently His Majesty, or more likely his advisers, have come to the conclusion that the time has come for something to be done towards recognising "Robert's" merits, and it has been decided that "a gold medal and a substantial money prize" are to be awarded. But, first, "Robert" must be able to write an essay. This to many "Bobbies" will probably present more terrors than a full-fledged burglar on the prowl, for a man may be a most efficient policeman and yet be not particularly apt in expressing his views on "Co-operation between Police and Public in the Detection and Prosecution of Crime," which is the subject set for the winning of the gold medal and the substantial money prize. However, it is splendid to know that H.M. the King has thought fit at the present time (when we have been hearing so much about Hyde Park and other unsavoury subjects, in which London's "Bobbies" have been rather conspicuous) to honour the policemen of the British Empire with a new mark of his interest and appreciation of their services."

Christian Scientists have no quarrel with the members of the medical profession, although they differ radically from them. Christian Science is fundamentally a religion. It is the rediscovery of the divine principle which underlay the works of the Prophets, Christ Jesus, his disciples, and the early Christians. Jesus never resorted to material means for healing. He was able to diagnose the malady as some form of sin or false mental belief of a carnal mind, which he called "a liar, and the father of it," and St. Paul termed "enmity against God." He was able to destroy these false beliefs instantaneously through the consciousness of divine Truth which he knew and understood. He emphatically taught his followers for all time that the signs which he gave, which included the healing of the sick and the reformation of the sinner, should follow those who understood his teaching. Christian Scientists accept his commands, and are endeavouring with ever-increasing success to prove his saying. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." In conformity with this, Mrs. Eddy writes, on page 167 of her textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." "Only through radical reliance on Truth can scientific healing power be realised."

From this it will be seen how impossible it would be for a Christian Science practitioner to co-operate with what is known as medical science. They are diametrically opposite, and nowhere in all her writings does Mrs. Eddy teach that the two systems can be combined.

Yours truly,

W. H. ADLER,
Christian Science Committee
on Publication.

ON PIRACY

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir,—All the measures taken so far have entirely failed to put a stop to piratical attacks on foreign shipping—I will not deal with native craft as that is another matter.

Well, why have they failed?

There is a reason for everything so there must be a reason for their total failure. They certainly deserved to have failed. They have proved to be perfectly useless, clear proof that they were the wrong methods. I do not expect to see the right methods tried, for reasons I will give below. All letters and suggestions as to further measures to be taken show utter ignorance of the subject generally and are no better, and some much worse, than the ones which have already been tried.

I have no hesitation in saying that it is an utter disgrace that these continuing pirates take place. The disgrace is not only deserved due to the Chinese authorities but is also due to the foreign Governments involved—especially the British. It is not that the right way is not known. The reason is that it is not wanted. I have pointed out the right way before and am going to do so again from a sense of duty and not that I have any hope for it being, as it should be, adopted.

As regards the Chinese Government, I presume it will be said that there is none or has been none. This is only partly true, for during the worse of chaotic conditions of the past few years there has always been a regional or local authority which could have been called upon to take the necessary action, namely seek out and punish the guilty parties. Piracy will cease when this is done, thus rendering the attacks on foreign shipping unprofitable. Not till this is done will it cease.

If your readers will take their Bible, if they have one, and look up the fifth chapter of the second book of Kings they can read about a man of the name of Naaman, a Syrian. He was a great man in a small way and doubtless thought himself somebody. In fact it is quite clear that he thought so. Well, he was typical of our local somebodies. When he, under persuasion, got a little sense, he benefited by it himself.

Our local somebodies have got no sense, not even common ordinary horse sense. As for advice or information, they want none of it and anyway you could not knock sense into them with a sledge hammer. They are hopeless. This is the reason for the senseless remedies which have been taken to put an end to the constant piratical attacks on shipping. Further, instead of attending to their own business, they are extremely anxious to administer the affairs of the Chinese Empire and fancy they are too running the British Empire instead of realising that Hong Kong is a little bit of dirt which the British Empire could get along very well without seeing that it is only a trouble-maker, making British trade with China difficult. Instead of aiding and facilitating that trade by treating

the Chinese people and authorities right, and thus gaining their goodwill.

It was lucky that the Home Government selected a good sensible man like Sir Cecil Clementi to relieve him, who was going to see it through, as he put it, much to the approval of his gang of followers. Otherwise things would not have mended as they have done.

The Government of Hong Kong will do well to turn a deaf ear to the piracy experts, the heroes and would-be heroes who want grilles to protect them and Indian guards to protect the grilles. Cut out all the play to the gallery and simply call upon the native authorities to arrest and punish those guilty of these piratical attacks and at the same time make good the monetary losses and pay compensation for loss of life, and damages for attacks on and holding for ransom of others.

How is this to be done? Very simply. There are many billions in hand, or which will come to hand, in connection with the Boxer indemnity. Make the payment of compensation out of this, and notify the Chinese Government that this will be done and consequently they will receive much less. Do this and require them to do the rest. It will be done. Withdraw gunboats, dismiss guards and throw the damned grilles overboard. I can do without them. I am an officer. Why cannot these other ninnies do without them also? I think they need a wet nurse.

In connection with the above, don't forget that the pirates who make these attacks board the vessels in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Why are they not arrested there? Searching the passengers is no use. They get through just the same. Where is the criminal investigation department? What kind of men have you got? What are they doing? Something is wrong. Put it right. If the present men on the job cannot deliver the goods, get men who can. There is plenty of unrecognised talent in the Police Force.

Yours, etc.,
OLD TIMER.

READ BY "BUMPS"

A HUNDRED YEARS OF PHRENOLOGY

The science of phrenology, or the reading of "bumps," will be 100 years old this month, when the centenary will be celebrated of its founder, Dr. F. J. Gall.

A "Daily Express" representative submitted a number of photographs of celebrities to Mrs. O'Dell, the phrenologist, of Ludgate-circus, E.C., for her to read and describe the qualities which had enabled them to become famous. These were the results:

Bernard Shaw.—An original thinker; has always treated life from a philosophic and unconventional point of view; courageous in the advocacy of his ideas. Fear in any direction has had no place in this organisation; caution small; self-esteem prominent, giving confidence; will advocate his own ideas with much optimism, which gives him the belief that he will win in the end.

H. G. Wells.—This conformation of head indicates one who has exceptional capacity for gathering up facts. There is more of the visionary and mystic than he may be exceptional. Dominant and self-confident. Will generally obtain what he desires.

Lady Diana Cooper.—Although she can represent the pathetic qualities and aspects of life with much effect, she can be practical and concerned and will think quickly in that direction; has much dignity of character. Sympathetic to those in whom she is interested, but otherwise reserved. Artistic and domestic qualities pronounced.

Mrs. Laura Knight.—Moral qualities are prominent and especially ideality and sublimity. These are leading characteristics, particularly sublimity. Not dominated by conventionality. Original. Has intense sense of colour.

Mrs. O'Dell said of a picture of the Archbishop of Canterbury: "The top part of this head is prominent; especially that in the centre, in which is situated the faculty of veneration. It dominates the faculty of spirituality, although that is not deficient by any means. He will be a strict disciplinarian, and will cling with much tenacity to the past, more than to the present."

"I went to the theatre last night and saw a thud and blunder drama."

"Blood and thunder drama you mean, don't you?"

"No, thud and blunder—all noise and mistakes."

A very thin boy said to his father, "Say dad, you really need to do something about my thinness. They marked me absent again at school this morning."

POLICE RESERVE

PROMOTIONS IN CHINESE COMPANY

TRAINING SCHOOL

The following orders have been issued:

Training School

The weekly classes for Police Recruits at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held as usual on Tuesday, October 9 and 16 at 6.00 p.m. sharp.

Chinese Company

Strength.—The following recruits have been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company as from October 3:

Constables R54, Wong Kwan-sheung; R38, Young Wing-sang; and R91, Wai Hin-shing.

Promotions and Appointments. The following promotions and appointments in the Chinese Company will take effect from October 3:

L.S. R7, Ng Kai-wing, to be Crown-Sergeant, vice Cr. Sergt. R5, S. P. Wong, resigned.

L.S. R15, Ou Yeung Kin-heng, to be Crown-Sergeant.

L.S. R18, Hwang Hong-yeh, to be Crown-Sergeant.

Constable R24, Kwok Chan, to be Lance-Sergeant, vice L.S. R7, promoted.

Constable R35, Yuen Kwok-yan, to be Lance-Sergt., vice L. S. R15, promoted.

Constable R43, Tso Chi-on, to be Lance-Sergeant, vice L. S. R18, promoted.

Constable R58, Wm. K. S. Mok, to be Lance-Sergeant.

Constable R46, Thomas Yip, to be Lance-Sergeant.

Constable R13, David F. W. Loie, to be Lance-Sergeant.

Constable R8, Tao Tsun-on to be Lance-Sergeant.

Inspection Parade

All ranks of the Chinese, including newly joined recruits, will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday October 11, for the monthly inspection of Arms, Equipment, etc., by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—white uniform, cap with white cover; rifle, belt, side-arms, truncheon, whistle, armlet, badge, "pocket policeman," and Note-book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mutli. At this parade, the Hon. Commissioner of Police (R) will formally present the official badge to those who have qualified for same. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander; the Equipment Officers will make it a point of being present.

Revolver Practice.—It has been tentatively arranged that the Chinese Company will fire off the advanced course in revolver shooting on Sunday, October 28, and all members qualified to fire are requested to keep the date open.

Flying Squad

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, October 9. Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tsu Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—khaki uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong section will take place on Thursday, October 11. Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—khaki uniform.

(Sgd.) W. Kent, A.S.P., Adjutant.

Hong Kong, Oct. 9, 1928.

DANGER SPOT.

WHERE FALLING STONES ABOUND IN THE ALPS

Geneva.—Climbers of Mont Blanc are well acquainted with a certain dangerous spot on the path leading to the Grands Mulets, where avalanches of stones constantly come down, especially during the heat of the day. Experienced climbers always run past this spot for dear life, and this summer in particular the place has been most dangerous.

Recently a party of four Genevee climbers, without guides, who were descending Mont Blanc, were overtaken on this path by an avalanche of stones, and one man, Aimé Scheller, father of a family, was killed by a stone striking him on the head.

One summer, while descending Mont Blanc and approaching this very spot, a guide, Siegfried Burgen, and an English tourist were contemplating a rush past when they saw a man standing on the path, removing his rucksack, evidently preparing to have a meal on what appeared an inviting spot. The guide shouted to him to come quickly to them, which he did, leaving his rucksack on the ground.

By the time he reached them his rucksack was carried away by an avalanche of stones, so one can imagine what would have been the fate of this man, who turned out to be a German professor, had he remained.

THE "PHIL."

IN NEED OF MORE MEMBERS TO JOIN

THE YEAR'S WORK

There was a good attendance of members of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society at their annual meeting, held last evening in the St. John's Cathedral Hall.

In the absence of the President, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes presided.

Commenting upon the reduction in membership, the chairman remarked that 5 names had been struck off the register on account of failure of these members to pay their annual subscriptions.

No doubt, he said, the subscriptions of several had not been paid because of certain members concerned being on Home leave, but the committee wanted to impress upon all the desirability of paying their subscriptions before leaving the Colony.

Mr. Owen Hughes appealed to members to try to persuade new comers to join the Society, and referred to the enjoyment that the Society had been able to bring to the public of the Colony.

Regarding the production of "Merry England" last year by the Society, the chairman stated that it had reached the highest mark ever attained by the Society.

Dealing with the accounts, the chairman said that in spite of the loss of a little more than \$100 on last year's work, the finances showed a credit balance of \$1,423.90, which could be taken as an indication that financially the Society was in a healthy condition.

"Tom Jones"

The forthcoming production of "Tom Jones" was then referred to by the Chairman, who said that the production needed no comment from him. He understood from Mr. Harmon that the production would entail considerable expense, and therefore, it was necessary to obtain all the support possible.

The Society was fortunate in again having the services of Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle as hon. musical director and also of Mr. R. Davis, who had already made for himself a name as a producer. The chairman trusted that these two gentlemen would be accorded the support of all members during the year.

It had been the custom of the Society to make donations to charity each year, but owing to the heavy demands made on the Society's funds the committee could not recommend such donations this year, but when they were in a position to do so, the chairman was sure the Society would not be found wanting.

Mr. Owen Hughes then expressed very deep regret at the resignation of their President, Mr. Beavis. He need not say very much with regard to Mr. Beavis's services not only as the President but also as one of the oldest, if not the oldest, member of the Society. He felt sure that although Mr. Beavis would not at present act as their President he would still take the greatest interest in their forthcoming production.

New President

Mr. W. W. Hornell, the chairman, had great pleasure in announcing, would act as the President of the Society for the ensuing year. (Applause).

The passing of the report and statement of accounts was then proposed by the chairman and carried unanimously.

The following officials were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Mr. W. W. Hornell; Hon. Musical Director, Mr. Fitz-Earle; Hon. Producer, Mr. R. Davis; Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. V. Harmon; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. R. Dormer; Committee, Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith, Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, Messrs. D. M. Richards and M. R. Bell.

The secretary then announced that at an extraordinary meeting of the Society, it was decided to produce "Tom Jones" during the first part of the year and "Pantomime" during the second part.

Before the meeting closed Mr. Hornell thanked the Society for having elected him President. He said that when he was first approached he was surprised as he was not a great musician. He was, however, willing to help the Society, although he felt like a stranger in their midst. He hoped that the members would do their best to help him, and he would do his best to help the Society. (Applause).

Mr. D. M. Richards proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, who in acknowledging his services, appreciated his services residing at the meeting, said that he could only repeat what Mr. Hornell had said. When asked to speak, he said he could not refuse. For the past twenty-five years or more he had derived the greatest pleasure from the productions of the Philharmonic Society.

PEACE PACT.

REAL EFFORT TO PREVENT AGGRESSION OR WAR,

NAVAL VIEW.

[By Rear-Admiral J. E. T. Harper, C.B., M.V.O.]

The conference convened by President Coolidge rather more than a year ago, with the object of limiting naval armaments, failed. But the Peace Pact, proposed in the first instance by M. Briand and materialized by Mr. Kellogg, may be considered to be its successful sequel.

Every civilized nation is, or should be, desirous of avoiding war, but the arbitrary limitation of armaments will not bring about the desired result. The casting aside of the proper means of defence does not make for peace, and whereas some nations, like our own, could not exist without the safety of the highways of the ocean being assured, both in peace and war, others may be entirely self-supporting, or dependent mainly on the safety of land, and not sea, communications. Any proposal such as that made at Geneva, which limited the numbers and types of war vessels to suit the desires of one nation, without regard to the requirements of others, was doomed to fail.

The Pact does not impair in any way the right of self-defence, and in this particular it follows the line taken by Mr. Bridgeman and the other British delegates at Geneva in July, 1927. It leaves to each nation the power to decide for itself whether recourse to war is necessary for self-defence. The Pact does not prohibit war as a method whereby one nation can impose its will upon another, and in this respect it should go far to preserve the peace of the world; but much will depend on the good faith of the signatories. If the Pact is to attain its object, we must have no more "scraps of paper."

The Eternal Factor

The belief that, after the signing of this Pact, wars will be no more will be held only by foolish super-optimists. Human nature being what it is, differences of opinion, or even quarrels must arise, and although these may, we hope will be mainly settled by the Council of the League of Nations, it is more than probable that at some future date a nation's feelings may be so far aroused that the decisions of the League will not be accepted and hostilities be threatened. In this event, woe betide the nation which has scrapped its legitimate and proved means of defence; which in our own case is our Navy and Army, assisted by that modern weapon aircraft. It is well also to remember that every nation is not a member of the League of Nations. The U.S.A. itself, for instance, is not a member. The Council of the League of Nations itself acknowledges that armaments properly employed make for peace—as evidenced by the recent decision given on the question of Samoa, when it was stated that the troubles would have been prevented if the forces available had been used with greater firmness in the first instance. Forces cannot be used with justifiable firmness if they are inadequate.

It is certain that the signing of the Peace Pact will give the thoughtless and ill-informed an opportunity to cry for the further reduction, or even the abolition, of armaments, and will be made an excuse for demanding a large reduction in the Navy, Army, and, possibly, the Air Force estimated for next year. The strength of our Navy and Army has been already reduced to the lowest limit compatible with safety, and further reduction might well prove suicidal.

We all hate war, especially those whose duty it is to study and take an active part in war. But the abolition of the wherewithal to study war, and, if necessary, to wage war in our own defence, will not prevent but invite it. We all hate crime. But the abolition of the police force will not prevent crime.

After arrests followed like falling Autumn leaves, culminating in the issue of warrants for the apprehension of the Burgomaster and the Chief of Police. The former appealed to Berlin to curb the ardour of the young criminal investigator, whereupon the superior authorities arrived on the scene and found that the deceased had committed suicide.

CLARA BOW IN "CHILDREN OF DIVORCE"

TO-DAY AT QUEEN'S

Clara Bow, Esther Ralston, Gary Cooper, and Norman Trevor are the featured players in "Children of Divorce" which is being screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow. Dramatic and interesting in its theme, the story is woven around a young girl, a child of divorced parents, and tells of her many thrilling adventures in her search for happiness. Clara Bow, who was seen here recently in Elinor Glyn's production "It" again demonstrates her remarkable versatility as an actress. Directed by Frank Lloyd, who also directed "The Sea Hawk," the picture has been given a lavish setting while a number of tense scenes which the picture contains have been staged with great effect. Altogether "Children of Divorce" is an unusual picture, and one which should have a general appeal.

"A KISS IN THE DARK"

INTRIGUING PICTURE AT STAR

The most popular villain of the screen, Adolphe Menjou takes the leading part in an amusing French farce "A Kiss in the Dark" which will be screened at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. Menjou, in his own inimitable manner, plays the part of an amiable man about town who constantly finds himself in difficulties over affairs of the heart. Aileen Pringle and Lillian Rich give ample support to the star in this picture which was adapted from the famous Broadway stage success "Aren't We All."

"GIRL SHY"

BIG COMEDY CLOSES TO-DAY

ARDOUR CURBED

Showing to-day for the last time at the World Theatre, "Girl Shy" tells the extremely amusing story of a young man, who lived in continual fear of the fair sex. Perhaps one of the greatest comedy climaxes ever filmed, with Lloyd unable to escape from a runaway tramcar, is provided as the final touch to a series of hilarious events which take place in the picture. Jobyna Ralston, the beautiful heroine supplies the feminine side of the romantic interest of which, in addition to the laughs, there is also plenty.

YOUTHFUL JUDGE

WHOLESALE ARRESTS AT NEUDAMM

ARDOUR CURBED

Berlin, Sept. 19. Only the intervention of the superior authorities prevented a large proportion of the population of the town of Neudamm, Brandenburg, from being unjustly gaoled, thanks to the thoroughgoing methods of a youthful Judge who was sent to investigate the death of a man who was found in a lake after a quarrel at a wedding.

The Judge's preliminary investigation led to the arrest of eight of the dead man's relatives and numerous others, including a warden of the town prison, on a charge of complicity in a gigantic murder plot.

After that arrests followed like falling Autumn leaves, culminating in the issue of warrants for the apprehension of the Burgomaster and the Chief of Police. The former appealed to Berlin to curb the ardour of the young criminal investigator, whereupon the superior authorities arrived on the scene and found that the deceased had committed suicide.

CASE WITHDRAWN

Mrs. S. Leite of No. 18, Ice House-street, withdrew her case in the Summary Court this morning against Mr. W. Foraita of Messrs. A. Gekko & Co., China-building.

Her claim was for \$116.50 for board and lodgings, etc. Mr. C. E. L. Grist appeared for Mrs. Leite and Mr. H. C. Macnamara for the defendant. Mr. Macnamara consented to the withdrawal on condition that costs be awarded his side.

Economy With Security

If the evil day comes when the so-called pacifist, by raising his voice sufficiently, persuades the people of Britain that our Navy is an unnecessary luxury, and if, in consequence, our Navy is abolished—which God forbid—we shall not be prepared.

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THE GOBI DESERT WOMAN'S ADVENTUROUS AIR TRIP

THE "SAND MOUNTAIN"

Anna Louise Strong gives in the "Daily Telegraph" a well-written and interesting account of a recent car trip across the Gobi Desert via an ancient camel route connecting the North-West of China with the capital of Mongolia, and very far from the usual route from Peking to Urga, by way of Kalgan.

The party left Ninghsia (the last Chinese city to "point of departure for all the unknown ways of Central Asia"), accompanied by the local General Meng and his bodyguard.

All morning, says the writer, we wound uphill towards the purple and rocky cliffs of Alashan. We passed the Great Wall of China, which at this point is very disappointing in size, utterly dwarfed by the cliffs above it and lacking entirely the majestic sweep and the towers that mark it near Kalgan.

But the view back repaid us; a rounded desert land of great vastness. Close by the cliffs were the Sisla tombs, sand-coloured pyramids marked in an ancient language, containing the remains of a dynasty which is said to have come from Tibet to rule this region, and to have been driven back in the days of Mongol glory eight centuries ago.

The boundary between China and Alashan (which is a section of Inner Mongolia) is marked by a small hut and a well of water. Thence the road led between cliffs across the summit of the mountains.

By early afternoon we gained our first view into Mongolia. It was like the sea—a vast blue-green expanse fringed by a yellow sand-beach. Later we learned that the blue-green colour was sagebrush, and the yellow sands were dunes where nothing grew.

We soon had our first view of Mongol tribesmen. They came galloping towards us with eager curiosity. Robes of red and yellow and orange and blue made gay the landscape; the women rode and walked like men and were distinguishable only by their head-dress, and by the great jewelled ornaments on their foreheads. Both in the colour of costumes and the frank manner of greeting they differed from the Chinese. But these southern Mongols are none the less touched by Chinese influence; they have permanent settlements and towns.

Wild Goats

Soon we had our first view of wild goats, streaks of light flashing swiftly away from us over the brown earth. (Later we were to chase them in our motor-cars, and one of our number was to meet death in a hunting accident.) We saw lovely vistas of camels and white sheep like a fleece on the hillside, signs of a nomadic but relatively populous life which was to die out as we approached the unwatered regions of the Gobi. Thus we drove through a sunny afternoon to a golden sunset. The mountains of Alashan turned purple and terra-cotta behind us and faded at last to a clear steel-blue.

Before us in the sunset gleamed the walls and turrets of Wang Yehfu, half-Chinese, half-Mongol, the ultimate outpost of life before the desert.

Not in all China had I seen such a jewel of a town. Many little brooks ran down from distant hills to make this valley, each lined with a fringe of green trees. Orchards and gardens, watered by irrigation, swept from the settlement up to the heights, where sheepfolds crowded the summits with high earthen ramparts against the cold winds of night. The city wall which cut the sunset sky seemed higher and more picturesque than the Great Wall of China, though it was only the buttress of a single trading town against the ancient hordes of the north.

We came into the town at early twilight. Beneath white towers of a lamasery strolled red-robed lamas; little boys endlessly turned great wheels on which was wound the newly spun thread of camel's wool later to be woven into saddlebags. In the shops along the streets were glowing forges, copper kettles held over flames to be polished, basket ware, wooden barrels shaped to fit the sides of horses. Down the street and across the rocky streams clattered horsemen in purple, scarlet, or rich blue costumes.

We stopped at the cleanest little inn I had seen since leaving Hankow. Tiny private rooms with entrance floor of trodden earth and a sleeping kang covered with fresh matting. Two days we stopped in Wang Yehfu, two days of rain which delayed us and gave us just beyond the city lay the sand, and the rain was hardening a path of mud.

These stoppings places had been mentioned to us by name between Wang Yehfu and Urga. I expected to find them towns of at least villages. But they were only wells with a few yards of the monotonous desert of sand between them and no farmhouses.

Indeed, a few hours after Wang Yehfu a cluster of four houses, where they gave us a log of pig and the use of fire, accepting in return such presents as three needles, half a spool of thread, and six inches of laundry soap. We passed also many lamaseries, where the sons of wandering Mongols are housed while learning to read the ancient Tibetan scriptures. We passed, also, on the first evening the decaying body of a Mongol woman, which reminded us of the primitive habits of the Mongols in the disposal of their dead. We were delayed for an hour by the body of a dying camel, writhing in the camel track between sand dunes, where we could not go around it. The stench and shrieks were nauseating; the ungainly creature circled its head like a venomous snake, with poisonous green foam frothing at the mouth. Only with much labour were we able to drag it from the roadway with ropes.

Sand Mountain
The plain of our approach was dotted with hundreds of yurts, reminders of the wild spaces and nomad-life behind us. But above us in the sky I heard the drone of an aeroplane; dividing the ancient yurts stood modern wireless station and an aerodrome, first signs of the penetration of Russian culture from the north. Four hundred miles yet further, we knew, lay the Trans-Siberian. We were still among the little known outposts of earth; yet we seemed already to have reached home. We had reached at least the telegraph, and a city of banks and stores and houses.

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ROYAL TOUR

H. R. H. CREATING VERY FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION

AT NAIROBI

London, Yesterday. The Indian community in Nairobi was given a special opportunity of welcoming the Prince of Wales at a garden party, arranged by the Municipality. With the few Europeans there were present Indians of all classes from artisans to wealthy merchants, who warmly greeted the Prince.

The Prince conversed with one prominent Indian about some of the places he had visited and the people he had met on his Indian tour. He also discussed questions affecting industrial relations between the cotton growing countries and home manufacturers.

The Prince joined a party of the leaders of Indian and European communities at tea before starting on a long motor drive to Lord Delamere's estate up country—British Wireless Service.

GENEVA OPIUM

CIRCULAR TO SIGNATORIES OF 1925 CONVENTION

U.S.A. INVITED

Geneva, Yesterday. The Secretary-General of the League of Nations has circulated the governments who are parties to the Geneva Opium Convention of 1925, inviting them and also the United States, to forward for the submission of the Council, the names of two persons satisfying the conditions laid down by the Convention for membership of the Permanent Central Board for the Control of Opium Traffic in view of the Council appointing members at its Session in December. The Board will consist of eight members appointed for five years with re-eligibility of membership. Reuter.

CRUELTY CHARGE

PIGS HEAPED FIVE HIGH ON HIS JUNK

JUNK MASTER FINED

A junk master was, at the Kowloon Court, this morning, fined \$10 or 14 days' hard labour, for cruelty to animals.

The prosecution stated that on boarding the junk while in the harbour pigs lying in crates were found to be heaped on top of each other, in rows of five. Only some of the crates were provided with matting, and the legs, and in some cases the heads, were protruding from the crates. The animals, however, were not seriously injured.

Mr. W. Schofield, in passing the sentence, remarked that he had heard of animals being heaped two high, but not five.

STARVING MAN WITH \$1,300

Nearly \$1,300 in cash and notes and securities worth more than \$1,000 were found in a ramshackle cottage at Wallingford inhabited until recently by a man named Thomas House, who was apparently starving.

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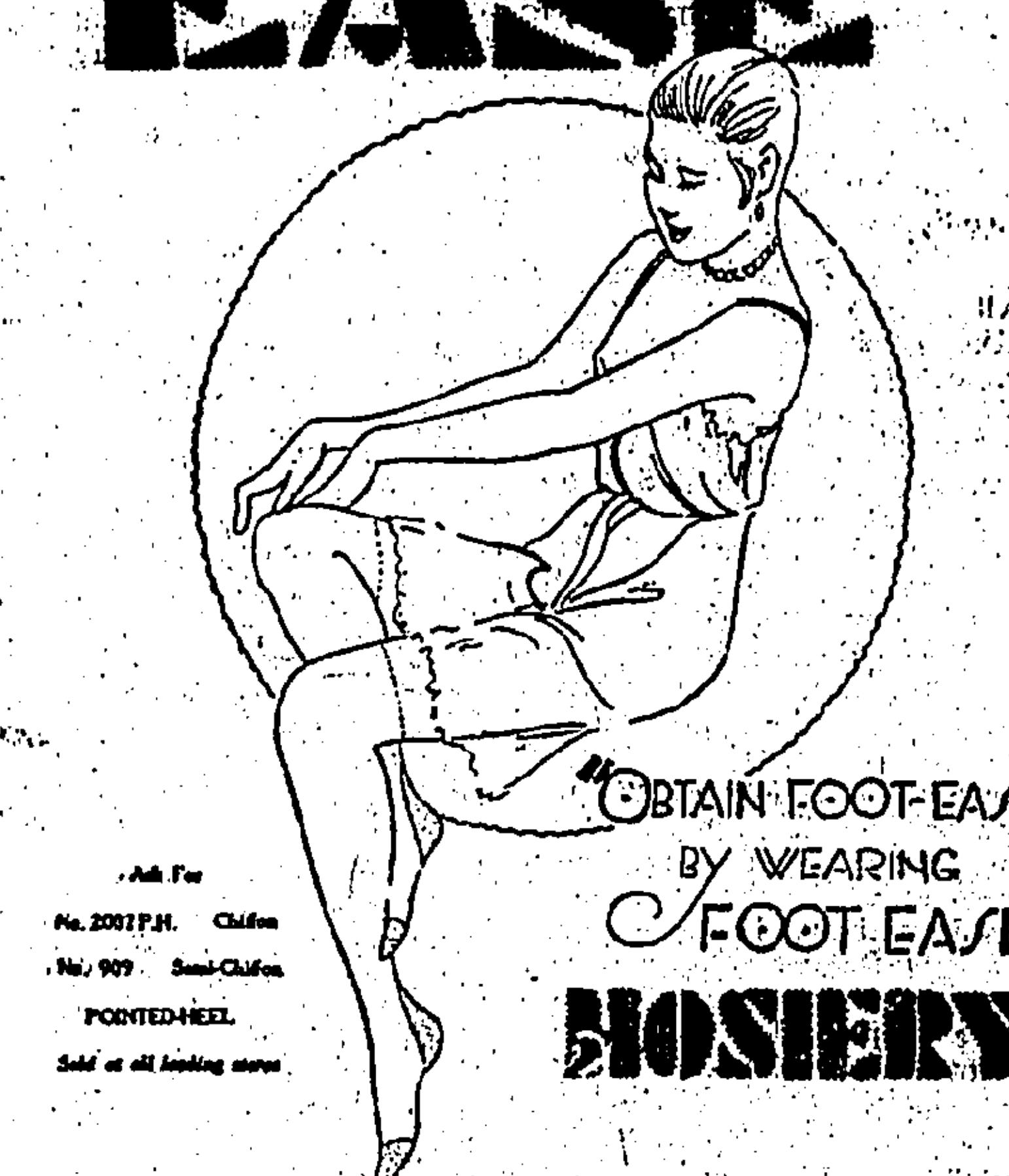
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Sport Columns

SOCER BY NIGHT

COMBINED CHINESE DEFEAT THE ARMY

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT

Association football in the light of searchlights proved an interesting experiment at Sookumpoo last night, as a sequel to the Grand Tattoo, when the Combined Chinese of the Colony defeated the Army by four goals to two.

About two thousand spectators were present and the receipts will thus be swelled accordingly. Those present had the unusual feeling of being able to watch the ball as it travelled on the ground but not when it went higher than the beams of light. Many players were handicapped from time to time through the glare being in their eyes. The teams were:

Chinese: Pau Ka-ping (South China), Li Tin-sang (South China), Lai Yuk-tat (Chinese Athletic), Leung Yuk-tong (Chinese Athletic), Wong Shui-wa (Chinese Athletic), Lam Yuk-ying (Chinese Athletic), Tso Kwei-shing (Chinese Athletic), Shek Pu-lin (Chinese Athletic), Fung King-cheung (South China), Lau Mai (South China), Ip Pak-wa (South China).

The Army: S/Sgt. Wood (R.A.S.C.); Sgt. Hooper (1st Queen's), Pte. Martin (2nd K.O.S.B.); Pte. Everest (2nd K.O.S.B.); S/Sgt. Sims (R.A.M.C.), L/Cpl. Morgan (R.A.O.C.); Gr. Wood (R.A.), Pte. Richardson (1st Queen's), Sgt. Leach (R.A.), L/Cpl. Barclay (Queen's), Pte. Alexander (2nd K.O.S.B.).

The Chinese scored in the first half, the ball rolling into the Army's citadel after a scramble. After the interval, the Army equalised, but the Chinese immediately obtained the lead again and then scored two goals more. Leach reduced the deficit from a penalty.

Among those present were H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police), Mr. J. H. Hunt, O.B.E. (Hon. General Secretary of the Grand Tattoo), the Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, C.F.

ANNUAL AQUATICS

EVENTS FOR THE V.R.C. MEETING

The following events will be decided when the annual aquatic sports take place at the V.R.C. next week:-

October 16:
½ Mile Championship.
320 Yards Mok Challenge Cup.

October 18:
100 Yards Championship.
100 Yards Back Stroke.

October 19:
220 Yards Championship.
100 Yards Breast Stroke.

October 20:
½ Mile Championship.
100 Yards Ladies' Championship.

100 Yards Boys (under 15) Championship.
100 Yards Team Race (six a side).
High Dive.

150 Yards Handicap for Members.

October 21:
Long Plunge.
Throwing the Polo Ball.
100 Yards Consolation Race.

October 22:
Chinese Harbour Race.

October 23:
Ladies' Harbour Race.

October 24:
Open Harbour Race.

All entries except those for the Harbour Race close to-morrow (Wednesday), at 6 p.m.

HOLIDAY CRICKET

THREE MATCHES PLAYED YESTERDAY

FULL RESULTS

The two-day cricket match on the Club ground between teams captained by Messrs. R. Hancock and A. W. Hayward concluded yesterday in a victory for the latter side by four wickets. Scores:-

R. Hancock's XI

1st Innings

E. J. R. Mitchell, c Owen Hughes, Parker

L. A. R. Duncan, b Vallack

H. L. F. Ewin, l.b.w., b Parker

A. H. Musson, c Vallack, b Bonnar

R. H. Hepburn, c West, b Plummer

J. D. Wales, c and b Bonnar

V. W. M. Stanton, c Parker, b Bonnar

S. J. Jordain, b Bonnar

A. C. I. Bowker, not out

J. E. Hancock, b Bonnar

R. Hancock, b Bonnar

Extras

Total

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Parker

Vallack

Bonnar

Plummer

Tait

Owen Hughes

A. W. Hayward's XI

1st Innings

A. W. Hayward, b Wales

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G. H. Hughes, c Bowker, b Wales

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EXCITING WIN

One Run Victory at C.S.C.C.

At the Civil Service Club ground yesterday a match between scratch teams resulted in a win for one by a single run. Scores:-

Mr. Grimmie's Team

R. G. Robertson, b Baker

R. R. Davies, b Paterson

F. E. Booker, b Baker

V. H. Chittenden, retired

A. W. Grimmie, c Baker, b Divett

D. R. Kelly, retired

J. F. Wilcott, c Trengrove, b Hawkins

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OLYMPIC "FACES."



BOWLING ANALYSIS.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Britain's Tallest Titled Lady.



Lady Marjorie Dairymple, O. B. E., tallest-titled lady in the British Empire, is shown here with her niece, Lady Barbara Montgomerie. Lady Marjorie is 6 feet 2 inches in height. She is acting as chaperone for 50 young English misses who are touring Canada.

Prince of Wales Heads Pilgrimage.



This excellent picture of the Prince of Wales shows him talking to some of the members of the British Legion whom he headed in a pilgrimage to the battlefields of France and Belgium. The Prince wore his war decorations for this visit to the sacred territory of the World War.

Where G. O. P. Nominee Was Born.



Here is the house at West Branch, Iowa, in which Herbert Hoover was born fifty-five years ago and which Mrs. Hoover (below, with her husband) is seeking to buy from its present owner, Mrs. Jessie Sculler, as a present for her husband. Mrs. Sculler, however, is disinclined to dispose of the property.

To Follow Lindbergh's Trail?



Captain Harry Lyon (center), navigator of the amazing flight of the Southern Cross from San Francisco to Australia, plans now to fly the Atlantic in a multi-motored plane. He is shown here with Captain Newton Lancaster, of England, and Mrs. Keith Miller, of Australia, who will accompany him.

Young Women in Lawsuit for Share of Estate.



Laura Ellen McCallip (left); daughter of W. T. McCallip (right), the oil operator, and Betty Schumann (centre). The young women have been contesting an action for a share in a \$2,000,000 estate.

Sending Lindy's Photo from a Plane



Air-to-air station on the ground below recently at Philadelphia. Upper left inset shows the train-mailed to photo of Colonel Lindbergh from the cockpit of the plane to a receiving station at the air-to-air station on the ground below recently at Philadelphia. Upper right inset shows the train-mail

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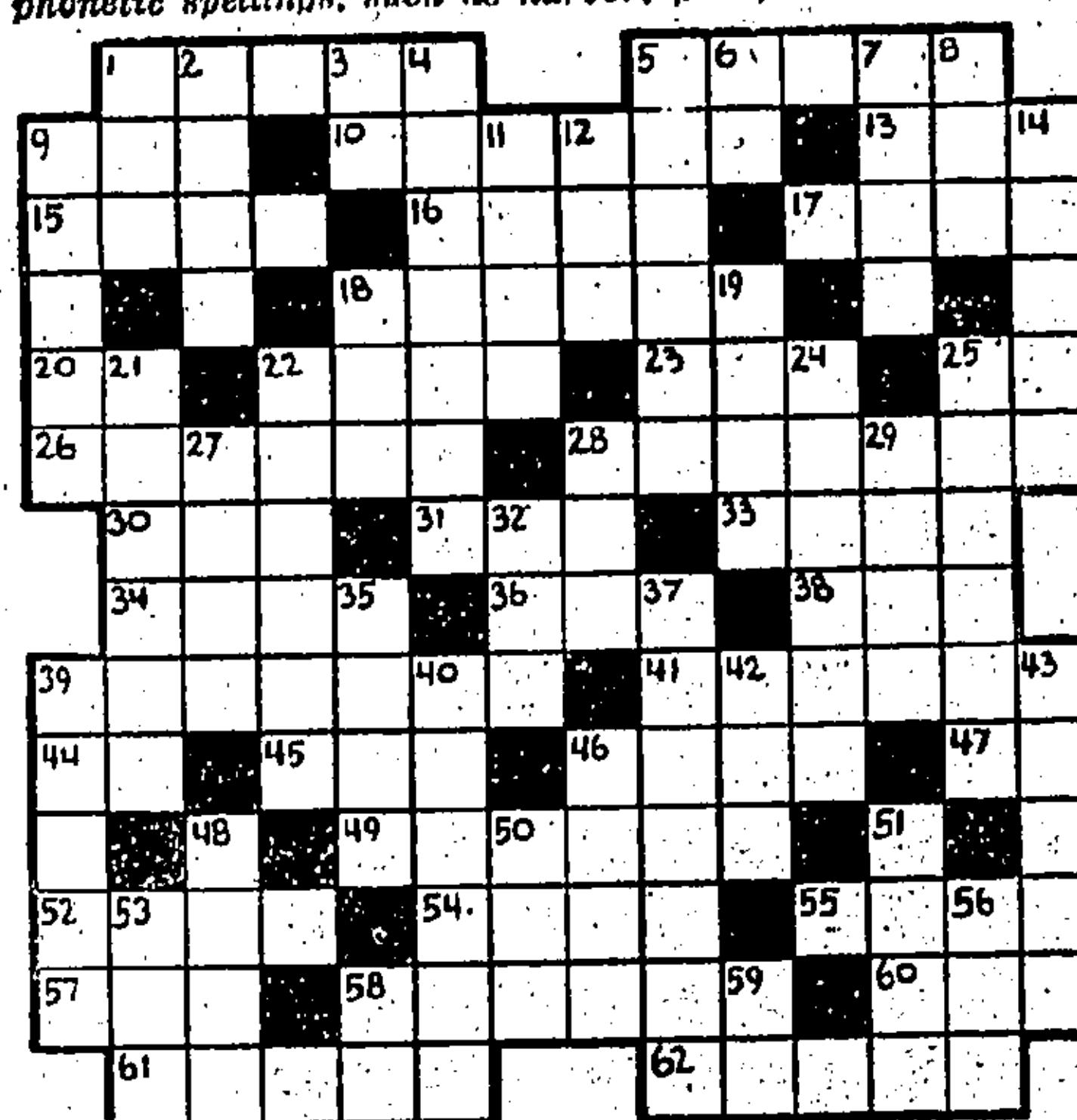
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1-A city in France

5-Beating of the heart

9-A tooth on a wheel

10-A delicious drink

13-Annoy

15-Dregs

16-Scold

17-A ship of Greek mythology

18-Saint

20-E. State (abbr.)

22-A woody plant

25-Surprise

25-A degree (abbr.)

28-A bird

30-Understand

31-An oily liquid

33-A Shakespearian character

34-Color

36-A cry of distress

38-Equip.

39-Bear (pl.)

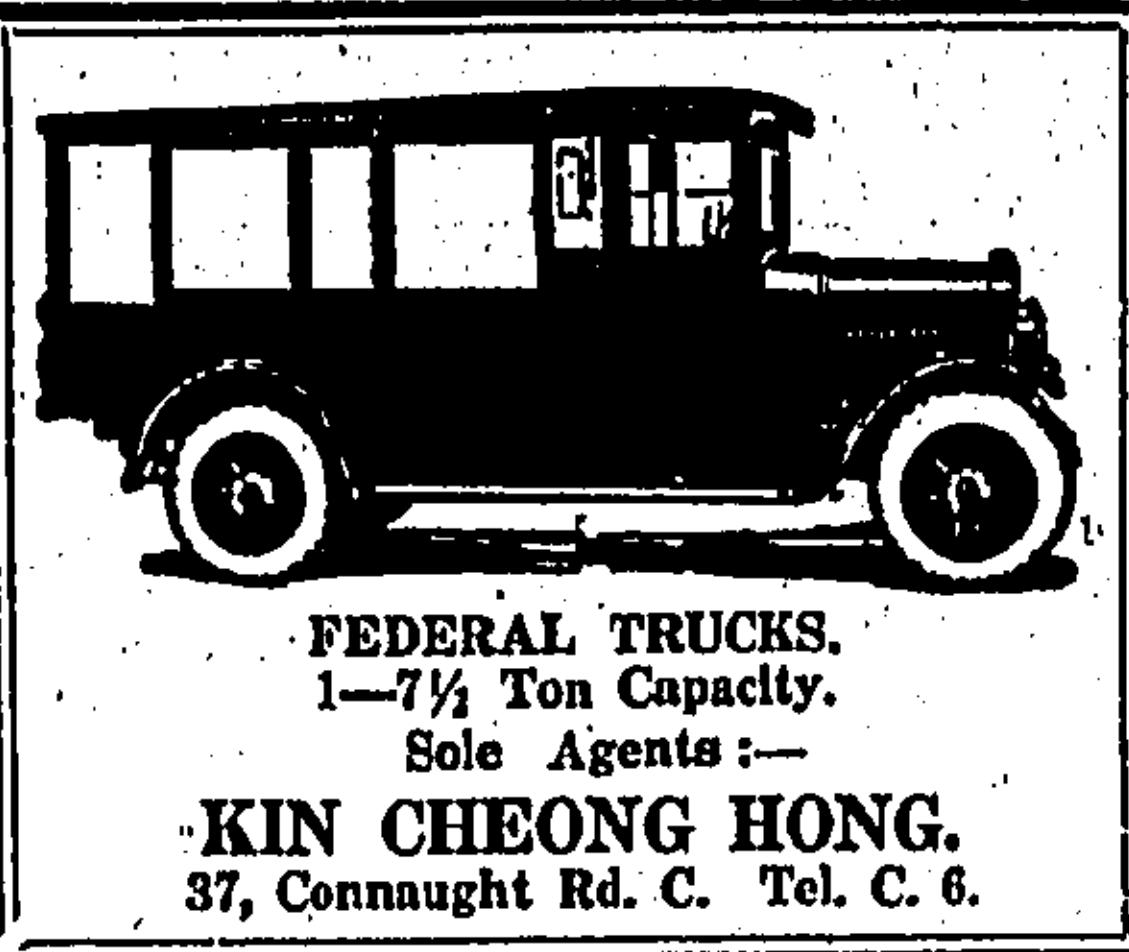
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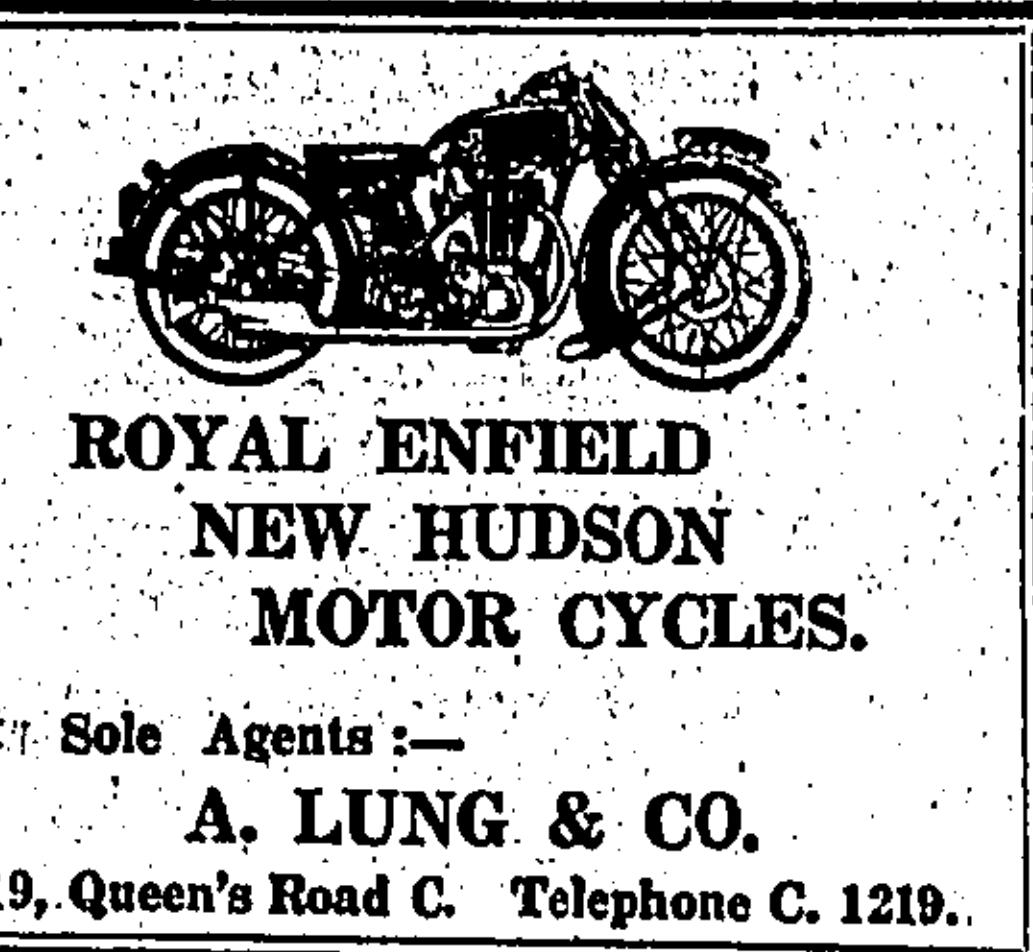
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From	Per	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10.
Australia and Manila		Changte
Java		Tjissarea
Shanghai and Swatow		Shantung
Japan and Shanghai		General Metzinger
Amoy and Swatow		Cremmer
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11.		
London via Suez (Letters & papers, London, 13th Sept. & Parcels 6th Sept.)		Macedonia
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.		Arafura
Australia and Manila		Morea
Japan and Shanghai		President Pierce
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai		Empress of Russia
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16.		
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai		Empress of Russia
Parcels Mail from London via Straits (London, 30th Aug.)		Oanfa

OUTWARD MAILED.

For	Per	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9.
Saigon		Solviken 3.30 p.m.
Formosa		Penang Maru 3.30 p.m.
Amoy		Suyiangu 4.30 p.m.
Manila		President Madison 4.30 p.m.
Swatow		Kwai Sang 5 p.m.
Amoy		Namsang 5 p.m.
Holhaw and Bangkok		Kingyuan 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10.		
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia		General Metzinger 12.30 p.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya		Tjilbeest 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai		Hupoh 4.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11.		
Holhaw, Pakhoi and Haiphong		Tean 8.30 a.m.
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Straits		Cremmer 10.30 a.m.
Manila and parcels for Germany via Hamburg		Carl Legien 2.30 p.m.
Takao		Burgenland 4 p.m.
Shanghai		Chenan 4.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12.		
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels noon.		Hosang
Letters 1 p.m.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 9th Nov. K.P.O. Parcels (Oct. 12th) 4.30 p.m. Registration (Oct. 18th) 8 a.m. Letters (Oct. 18th) 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels (Oct. 12th) 5 p.m. Registration (Oct. 18th) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Oct. 18th) 10.30 a.m. Morea		
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13.		
Swatow		Hangkong 6 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe, via Siberia		Shantung 6 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing name only.

THE MOSLEMS AND MODERNIST IDEAS

SACRED AREA

WOMEN AND MEN MUST BE "DECENTLY CLOTHED"

AN EDICT

Jerusalem, Yesterday. By way of a counterblast to the spread of modernist ideas among local Moslems, the authorities of the Harames Sheriff, of the sacred area of the Dome of the Rock, have issued an edict that no women be allowed access to the sacred precincts unless decently clothed according to Moslem standards, nor will any Moslem men be permitted to be enclosure unless they wear a turboush or turban.—Reuter.

SEQUEL TO RAID

PROPERTY FROM ARMED ROBBERIES

CASES TO-DAY

Last week the police raided a flat at No. 142, Hollywood-road where they found a quantity of jewellery and other property which were subsequently identified as part of the booty carried away in two armed robberies in West Point in July and August, respectively.

Two men and a woman, who were in the flat at the time of the raid, were arrested and, following inquiry, they were charged separately.

The two men were alleged to have been concerned, with others not in custody, in armed robberies, each of the two being charged with taking part in one of the robberies only. It was not alleged that they were together, on either occasion. The woman was charged with receiving stolen property which formed part of the loot in both robberies.

The charges against the woman and one of the men will be heard this afternoon. The other man was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Renting a Cubicle.

He was charged with taking part in a robbery at No. 863, Des Voeux-road West at 11 a.m. on August 30 last.

Evidence was given by a woman living in the house. She said that accused called at the place on the pretext of renting a cubicle and then he admitted two other men who were armed with daggers. The accused acted as leader in the subsequent ransacking of the place and gave directions to the others for the binding and gagging of the victims. Accused also was the man who demanded the key of the safe and forced the witness to open it. When the safe was being rifled, the witness saw the accused helping himself to the major portion of its contents which he stuffed in his pockets.

When they were satisfied that they had not overlooked anything of value, all three robbers escaped.

ROPE THEFTS

MORE CHARGES BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE

Although the police have been vigorous in their efforts to check the theft of rope from ships lying in the harbour, it appears that the culprits are still active.

A boatman was brought before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday to face four charges concerning the larceny of Manila rope from different vessels.

Two of the charges are by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, while Mr. D. Skinner, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., is prosecuting on the other two charges.

A marine store dealer was also charged simultaneously with receiving three lengths of rope and one liquid compass "knowing the same to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained."

This case was remanded.

In another case, three boatmen belonging to a hawkers' boat were charged with unlawful possession of the rope.

Sub-Inspector Dowling asked his Worship to take a personal view of the case and referred to the almost daily thefts from ships.

The first defendant was fined \$200 or thereabouts, his boat being ordered to be sold.

The second defendant was

AUSTRALIA'S CRISIS MORE SERIOUS

"GAGE OF BATTLE"

VOLUNTEERS TO RETALIATE AGAINST INTIMIDATION

STRIKERS' LATEST MOVE

Melbourne, Yesterday. "We throw down the gage of battle" cried Mr. S. M. Bruce, the Prime Minister, dealing with the shipping dispute in a speech at Dandenong.

Outlining the general policy of preparation for the general election in November, he declared that the Government was determined to put down these insidious disruptive forces and uphold the unity of the Empire and the supremacy of the law.

Mr. Bruce foreshadowed an intensive development of air forces, in accordance with Sir John Salmond's recommendations, and proposed the repeal of the coastal clauses of the Navigation Act and substitute a tariff of protection for vessels complying with Australian standards of living.

The Government favoured the expansion of trade between Britain and Australia and an allied and extended agreement of reciprocal preference. They should co-operate in imperial airship communication and acquire land in the vicinity of Perth to erect a mooring tower.

Both Sides Active.

Later. Yielding to the pressure of the Water-side Workers' Central Strike Committee it has been decided to extend the strike by requesting the carters and drivers not to transport goods handled by volunteers. It is also proposed to declare all vessels calling at Albany "black".

The shipowners are preparing a plan for the permanent retention of the volunteers, hoping thereby to abolish "pinprick hold-ups" as well as more serious hold-ups. Probably a Volunteer Federation will be formed to combat the Union's intimidation tactics.—Reuter.

LOCAL RADIO

NEW OFFICE IS OPENED

INCREASED FACILITIES

Yesterday the Hong Kong Government Radio Service opened to the public its new offices on the ground floor (Des Voeux-road end) of the P. & O. Building.

At the enquiry counter two Europeans are in attendance to give information regarding all wireless matters, including broadcasting licences.

To promote speed, accuracy and reliability, the office is being equipped with the most modern apparatus, consisting of the Creed Key Board, tape perforators, and automatic signalling apparatus for operating the several wireless transmitters, with the necessary recording and printing apparatus for receiving incoming messages.

At present an excellent wireless service is working between Hong Kong and Canton, three separate transmitters being employed in Hong Kong so that in the event of a breakdown of one of them another can be brought into operation immediately. From the time a message is handed over the counter in Hong Kong to the time it is delivered to the addressee in Canton, is usually only a few minutes.

Points Connected.

Other parts of China are in direct communication with Hong Kong as follows:

Swatow, Holhaw, Wuchow, Amoy, Nanning, and Yunnan.

Foochow and Kanton are reached via the new short wave station at Canton.

The Philippines, Siam, French Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies are all in wireless touch with Hong Kong. The ship-to-shore service which Hong Kong has maintained since the early days of wireless in the Far East is, of course, still being maintained and becomes more and more extensive as the use of wireless on ships increases.

For purposes of entertainment there is to be established a broadcasting studio in town from which lectures and other items of public interest will be passed from the Peak Station by cable, and thence will be broadcast by radio.

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BIG BLAZE AT A PENITENTIARY

ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE?

270 CONVICTS IN DORMITORY DURING FIRE

7 PRISONERS MISSING

Junction City, Ohio, Yesterday. Thirteen incinerated bodies of prisoners have been recovered from the ruins of a dormitory occupied by 270 convicts engaged in a brick plant under the Ohio Penitentiary. It is believed the fire was started as an attempt to escape.

Seven prisoners are missing.

MARINE COURT

BATCH OF MINOR OFFENCES THIS MORNING

There were several cases brought up before Commander J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, a number of boatmen being charged with breaking harbour regulations.

The mistress of a bumboat and a seaman of a cargo boat were each fined \$10 for making fast alongside the s.s. "Oregon" whilst she was under way on October 6. According to police evidence the vessel was at the time about 60 yards from the buoy and her propeller was still working.

For mooring her junk at Shamshuipo, with 50 bags of sulphur on board, the mistress of a trading junk was fined \$25. She was charged with mooring in a place other than the "dangerous goods anchorage." She pleaded guilty, stating that she was taking the cargo to Canton.

The mistresses of four cargo boats were each fined \$10 for making fast alongside the s.s. "President Cleveland" on Oct. 8, while she was under way.

So Kan-lo, master of a cargo boat, who pleaded guilty to not exhibiting his regulation light on the evening of Oct. 7 was fined \$10. Another boatman, summoned under a similar charge, was also fined \$10.

For carrying 12 passengers in excess, on Oct. 8, the mistress of a passenger boat was fined \$12. Defendant pleaded guilty, stating that she could not help it as the passengers were rushing down to her boat at the time. It was stated that the motor boat, which was towing her at the time, would also be summoned.

BAG-SNATCHING

TWO CHINESE BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE

In connection with the bag-snatching case, in which Mrs. Withers was